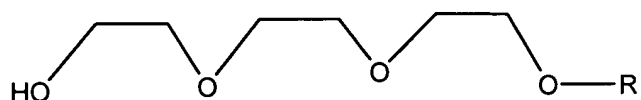


CLAIMS:

1-3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) A method of yielding dendrimer frameworks by the steps of:

reacting triethylene glycol separately with ethyl diazoacetate and benzyl chloride to separately yield an ester and benzyl ether of the formula

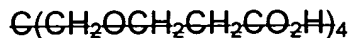


wherein R is $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$ or benzyl;

converting a free hydroxyl of the ester to an amine;

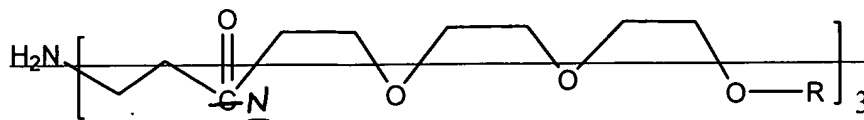
coupling the amine with a nitrotris ~~nitrotri~~ (acid chloride) and subsequently reducing the nitro group to form an aminotriester;

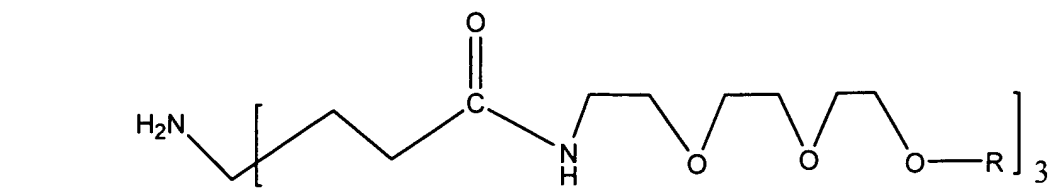
forming a dendrimer core by reacting pentaerythritol ~~pentaerythritol~~ with the amine acrylonitrile ~~followed by nitrile hydrolysis~~



; and

performing selective ester hydrolysis of the core followed by coupling of a monomer of the formula

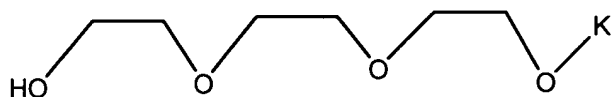




thereby yielding a first generation dendrimer of Formula 31 33.

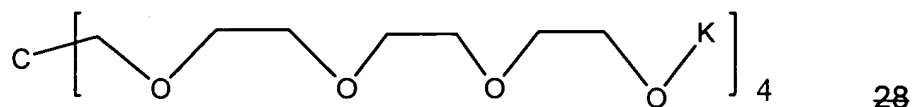
5. (Currently Amended) A method of yielding dendrimer frameworks by the steps of:

reacting triethylene glycol separately with ethyl diazoacetate and benzyl chloride to separately yield an ester and benzyl ether of the formula



wherein K is CH₂CO₂Et or benzyl, followed by conversion to a the corresponding mesylate;

then reacting the mesylate with pentaerythritol to yield a core of the formula



; and

deprotecting an acetyl moiety of Formula 27, transforming the moiety to a corresponding mesylate and attaching to the core thereby forming a first tier polyether dendrimer.

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